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In the Matter of)
DALE EHODNE DAVING) Docket No. 7937
DALE EUGENE PAYNE,) CONCEME OFFER
Respondent.) CONSENT ORDER)
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A Notice of Hearing was issued by the Director ("Director") of the Department on December 11, 1992, wherein the Department made certain allegations of violations of A.R.S. Title 20 committed by Respondent. Respondent has received a copy of the Notice of Hearing and has been advised of his right to a hearing in this matter, which he waives.

Respondent admits the following Findings of Fact are true and neither admits nor denies the Conclusions of Law and agrees that the following Conclusions of Law and Order may be entered upon presentation..

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Dale E. Payne ("Respondent") was, at no material time, licensed as an insurance agent by the State of Arizona. Respondent is presently, and was at all material times, licensed as a Colorado insurance agent.
- 2. Juanita Schmerbach ("Schmerback") was at all material times a resident of Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 3. On or about August 24, 1990, Respondent sold Schmerbach a \$55,000.00 variable annuity (the "annuity") with

MFS/Regatta. The annuity had a first year six percent early withdrawal penalty provision.

- 4. In less than one year, Respondent suggested to Schmerbach that her funds invested in the MFS/Regatta annuity might be in jeopardy and further discussing the option of withdrawing her funds from the annuity. Subsequently, Schmerbach did withdraw her funds within one year and paid a six percent early withdrawal penalty.
- 5. On or about August 26, 1991, Respondent placed the remainder of Schmerbach's funds withdrawn from the MFS/Regatta annuity into a John Hancock mutual fund. Respondent received a commission on the John Hancock mutual fund.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondent misrepresented to Schmerbach that her MFS/Regatta funds were in jeopardy for the purpose of inducing Schmerbach to lapse, forfeit, surrender, retain or convert the annuity to the John Hancock mutual fund, in violation of A.R.S. § 20-443(5).
- 3. The Director has grounds to issue an Order to Cease and Desist and impose a civil penalty upon Respondent pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 20-456(A) and 20-456(B).

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in any act or practice defined in or prohibited under § 20-443 as an illegal or unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice.
- 2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty to the Department in the sum of \$500.00 within 60 days of the entry of this Consent Order.

DATED in Phoenix, Arizona this <u>5th</u> day of <u>August</u> 1994.

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CHRIS HERSTAM, Director Arizona Department of Insurance

CONSENT TO ORDER

- 1. The undersigned acknowledges that he has read the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order and is aware of his right to an administrative hearing in this matter and has waived same.
- 2. The undersigned admits the jurisdiction of the Department and admits the foregoing Findings of Fact and consents to the entry of the foregoing Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 3. The undersigned states that no promises were made to him to induce him to enter into this Consent Order and declares that he has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.

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- 4. The undersigned acknowledges that acceptance of this Consent Order is for the purpose of settling this litigation as against him and does not preclude the Department, or any other agency or officer of this State, or subdivision thereof, from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.
- 5. The undersigned waives all rights to challenge such Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order on appeal or otherwise, and agrees to be bound by the foregoing Order.

Date: 7-25-94

DALE E. PAYNE, Respondent

COPY of the foregoing mailed this 5th day of __August_, 1993, to:

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